

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
January 23, 2004**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy was held on January 23, 2004 in Room 102, of the Professional Licensing Boards, Secretary of State, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon Georgia with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

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| Kendyl R. Brock, OTR/L, CHT, President | Kathleen H. Conyers, OTR/L, Vice President |
| Mary Louise Austin, Consumer           | Karen L. Cadaret, O.T.A.                   |
| Donna J. Domyslawski, OTR/L            |  |

**Others Present:**

Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director  
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General  
Sandra N. Marshall, Applications Specialist  
Pam Candler, Acting Board Secretary

Ms. Brock established a quorum of the Board and called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**Agenda:** Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Agenda was approved as amended.

**Minutes:** Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to approve Minutes from the November 21, 2003 meeting.

**Election of Officers for 2004:**

Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted that the current officers be reaffirmed for 2004.

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| President:      | Kendyl Brock       |
| Vice President: | Kathleen Conyers   |
| Cognizant       | Mary Louise Austin |

**Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2)(4) and O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1)(2) to deliberate on investigations and applications and to receive information on investigations and applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Brock, Domyslawski, Cadaret, Conyers and Austin. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.**

**Cognizant Report:**

Ms. Austin reported that there were no new complaints handled since the last meeting. Complaint Number OT040003 is still pending in the Enforcement Department.

**Attorney General's Report:**

Ms. Monroe updated the Board on activities with four cases referred to Attorney General's office for additional action.

**Case No. OT01100007:** Attorney General is preparing Consent Order.  
**Case No. OT020008:** Voluntary Surrender never returned, matters asserted have been prepared.  
**Case No. OT020001:** Case is held pending renewal.  
**Case No. OT020015:** Peer Review appointment is awaiting signature.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Ms. Hightower highlighted the following:

- Renewals were mailed to licensees early in January.
- Discounted renewal fee deadline will not be extended.
- We are still receiving a few calls concerning the added Continuing Education hours.
- The Call Center is up and running and with the decrease in telephone interruption, the office is now able to get more work done.
- Ms. Norwood-Marshall has announced her retirement, and this will be her last Board Meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

#### **Occupational Therapy Lifetime Certification Commission:**

Does the Occupational Therapy profession want the Occupational Therapy Lifetime Certification Commission to continue its certification program and how could it better serve the profession? Areas of consideration included post professional application requirements and creation of an entry-level certification program.

Board Response: Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted in favor of responding to the letter.

Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted that it did not have enough information to support the need for two accrediting Boards. The Board would like to have clarification on the Entry Level Certification program.

#### **Lisa Donahue, OTR/L**

License was reinstated on March 21, 2003, issued on March 29, 2003 and printed on April 1, 2003. Licensee reinstated her license with 12 contact hours. She was questioning how many additional hours she needed to renew her license.

Board Response: Ms. Hightower stated that she would telephone this individual and talk to her about her continuing education requirements concerning her renewal.

#### **Betsy Aiello, MBA, OTR/L-Chairman, Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy**

Wanted to know what rules had changed in Georgia over the last two years and what precipitated the changes?

Board Response: Ms. Hightower stated that she would respond to this lady's questions.

**Applications:**

Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to approve applications Occupational Therapist licensure by application determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

| License No. | Licensee Name                | Profession             | Issue Date |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| OT003889    | Sinclair, Crystal Ferris     | Occupational Therapist | 11/20/2003 |
| OT003890    | Coultas, Ranah Liberty       | Occupational Therapist | 11/25/2003 |
| OT003891    | Clinding, Russell Terrell    | Occupational Therapist | 11/25/2003 |
| OT003892    | Rosoff, Sara Elise           | Occupational Therapist | 11/25/2003 |
| OT003893    | Bruffy, Kristi L.            | Occupational Therapist | 11/25/2003 |
| OT003894    | Fuqua, Christen Brickert     | Occupational Therapist | 12/01/2003 |
| OT003895    | Hummel, Kirsten Sue          | Occupational Therapist | 12/01/2003 |
| OT003896    | Bradley, Nakeia LaDawn       | Occupational Therapist | 12/01/2003 |
| OT003897    | Savoy, Sheri Lynn            | Occupational Therapist | 12/01/2003 |
| OT003898    | Hartrich, Julie Katherine L. | Occupational Therapist | 12/01/2003 |
| OT003899    | Lowe, Tomika Lasha           | Occupational Therapist | 12/01/2003 |
| OT003900    | Sterling, Trina Louise       | Occupational Therapist | 12/02/2003 |
| OT003901    | Budd, Lindsay Austin         | Occupational Therapist | 12/02/2003 |
| OT003902    | Smith, Scotty Corte'z        | Occupational Therapist | 12/05/2003 |
| OT003903    | Misitano, Gina Marie         | Occupational Therapist | 12/11/2003 |
| OT003904    | Wearing, Jessica Lynn        | Occupational Therapist | 12/11/2003 |
| OT003905    | Dickson, Nikeesha Jevonne    | Occupational Therapist | 12/15/2003 |
| OT003906    | Bradley, Vernita A.          | Occupational Therapist | 12/17/2003 |
| OT003907    | Smith, Alisha Rose           | Occupational Therapist | 12/19/2003 |
| OT003908    | Groce-Coke, Jacqueline       | Occupational Therapist | 12/19/2003 |
| OT003909    | Machin, Yasmine Mia          | Occupational Therapist | 12/19/2003 |
| OT003910    | Allison, Jennifer Lynn       | Occupational Therapist | 12/19/2003 |
| OT003911    | Turman, Jacqueline Yvonne    | Occupational Therapist | 12/29/2003 |
| OT003912    | Rockman, Erin Alene          | Occupational Therapist | 12/30/2003 |
| OT003913    | Randles, Jerolyn Nicole      | Occupational Therapist | 12/30/2003 |
| OT003914    | Evans, April Sunshine        | Occupational Therapist | 12/30/2003 |
| OT003915    | Adkins, Brittany Nicole      | Occupational Therapist | 12/30/2003 |
| OT003916    | Cosby, Nathalie L.           | Occupational Therapist | 01/05/2004 |
| OT003917    | Tenhor, Mark Richard         | Occupational Therapist | 01/06/2004 |
| OT003918    | Morehead, Christopher David  | Occupational Therapist | 01/08/2004 |
| OT003919    | Knight, April Marian         | Occupational Therapist | 01/08/2004 |
| OT003920    | Kukreja, Sumedha             | Occupational Therapist | 01/08/2004 |
| OT003921    | Widener, Melissa Lee         | Occupational Therapist | 01/15/2004 |
| OT003922    | Towner, Aubrey Elizabeth     | Occupational Therapist | 01/21/2004 |
| OT003923    | Davenport, Christy Denice    | Occupational Therapist | 01/22/2004 |

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for Occupational Therapist Assistant licensure by application determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

| License No. | Licensee Name       | Profession                     | Issue Date |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| OTA000802   | Camille, Bernadette | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 11/20/2003 |
| OTA000803   | Fontin, Louisianne  | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 11/25/2003 |

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| OTA000804 | Brinson, Victoria Manivanh | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 12/01/2003 |
| OTA000805 | Briggs, Theresa            | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 12/05/2003 |
| OTA000806 | Graham, Felecia Lynn       | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 12/15/2003 |
| OTA000807 | Reese, Gloria Ann          | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 12/22/2003 |
| OTA000808 | Cunningham, Colleen Carol  | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 01/06/2004 |
| OTA000809 | Lemek, Joann Marie         | Occupational Therapy Assistant | 01/22/2004 |

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The Board discussed applications for licensure for Physical Agent Modalities and various questions they had toward issuing the certifications. One issue was the need for all applicants to have taken a Physics course, and with Brenau University now eliminating that class from their Occupational Therapist Degree, how should the Board handle these applications. Also, considering the amount of time spent on each application, the Board felt that the fee needed to be increased to compensate for Board member and Application Specialist time. If they have not taken Principles of Physics, would they still be able to use their College Degree to earn the 54 hour credit? Ms. Brock stated that she felt that whether or not the Board is going to give credit to OTR's that have taken certain classes to follow the guidelines of the law, we need to be certain that these foundation classes are taken.

The Board next discussed possible revisions to the Application Forms and changes that need to be made to make the application easier to comprehend. Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted that the 54 hours should be removed. Ms. Domyslawski thought the board should table this motion until the next Board Meeting and the Board agreed to this action.

Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted that each member should go home and work on rule changes pertaining to the 36 hours beyond entry level for Physical Agent Modality Certification, as well as suggestions for changes to the Application form.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 19, 2003, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Pam Candler, Acting Board Secretary

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Kendyl Brock, O.T., President

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Jacqueline Hightower, Executive Director

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Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director